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COUNTRY : Germany

SUBJECT : Soviet Intelligence Services--Training of agents.

DATE OF INFORMATION: See below

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EVALUATION: See below

1. The steps in the training of agents recruited by the KGB for missions of espionage, sabotage, and political agitation are given below. The prospective trainees are of two types: 1) Those who are not members of the Communist Party, and 2) Those who are active members of the Communist Party. Training for the first group is as follows:

a. Berlin--The agent is recruited at the Soviet Central Kommandatura at Luisenstrasse and receives his first months of training at the Cultural Center of the Luisenstrasse office. This course lasts from three to four months.

b. Brandenburg--Here trainees study Russian and are instructed in the use of arms for three months.

c. Brandes--Study of Russian culture for one month. Trainees are sent on trial missions.

d. Murstenberg--This unit has branches at Neustrelitz and at Waren. Agents are given political indoctrination.

e. Guestrow, with branches at Rostock and Stralsund. Malchin, with branches at Demmin, Greifswald and Stralsund. These two units provide only military instruction.

f. Bergen--This is the final stage of training. From this point, the agent is sent to Sassnitz and assigned a mission.

Training for the second type of agent is very similar to the first. The units are located at:

a. Berlin--Recruiting at the Central Kommandatura, Luisenstrasse.

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b. Barnau, with branches at Eberswalde and Angermünde.  
Schoenbelz, with branches at Gross-Schoenebeck and  
at Collin.

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c. Prenzlau

d. Pasewalk

e. Anklam, with branches at Griefswald and at Stralsund.

f. Bergen--This, too, is the final stage of training,  
from which point the agent is sent to Sassnitz for assignment of  
his mission.

Theoretically, a recently trained agent returning from a mission  
goes through the same stages of training as indicated above, staying  
only a few days at each unit, in order to become familiar with any  
changes which might have occurred since his original training course.